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SAYS SWAPO WILL WIN ELECTION; NNF CLAIMS IT WILL WIN

1. EXPELLED ANGLICAN VICAR GENERAL, REV. ED MORROW, TOLD JOURNALISTS ON JULY 20 THAT PEOPLE IN OVAMBO ARE BEING FORCED TO REGISTER. HE REPORTEDLY SAID, "PEOPLE ARE BEING BEATEN UP AND FORCED TO PRODUCE THEIR REGISTRATION CARDS."
"I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I'M BEING ASKED TO LEAVE." ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, MARROW SAID THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT AS THE PARTIES VIED FOR SUPPORT, BUT HE FELT SWAPO WOULD GAIN AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY IN AN ELECTION. SWAPO MIGHT NOT, HOWEVER, HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR A MAJORITY IN A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. AG STEYN'S
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DEPORTATION ORDER WAS "DICTATORIAL, VINDICTIVE AND TOTALLY UNNECESSARY." HE REPORTEDLY ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HOPED TO RETURN IN A YEAR AND TAKE OUT NAMIBIAN CITIZENSHIP.

2. THE TERRITORY'S REGISTRATION OFFICER, L.V. DE KOCK IS REPORTED TO HAVE DENIED MORROW'S CHARGES OF COERCION TO REGISTER. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, STEY, SPEAKING AT A BANQUET THE NIGHT OF

JULY 20, SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF SWA "HAD GIVEN UNEQUIVOCAL PROOF OF THEIR COLLECTIVE WILL IN THE PRESENT REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN." THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS AGENCY MEANWHILE, REPORTED THAT 31 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS HAD REGISTERED IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

3. ANOTHER PRESS ACCOUNT OF JULY 20 REPORTS THAT NNF SECRETARY GENERAL, BRYAN O'LINN CLAIMED THE NNF, IF IT CAN GET ENOUGH FUNDS FOR CAMPAIGNING, WOULD STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING THE ELECTION. "WE WOULD AT LEAST HOLD THE BALANCE OF POWER, THAT IS OUR MINIMUM POSITION." O'LINN IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID. ACCORDING TO PRESS O'LINN ALSO SAID THAT SHIPANGA, WHOM THE NNF HAD JUST VISITED IN EUROPE, WOULD FORM HIS OWN PARTY SOON AND THEN WOULD FORMALLY JOIN THE NNF. SHIPANGA, HE REPORTEDLY SAID, WAS CONFIDENT HE COULD WIN OVER MANY OF NUJOMA'S SUPPORTERS AS WELL AS ALL DETAINED SWAPO DISSIDENTS.
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